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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 330

DATE PREPARED: Dec 5, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Customers.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a customer of a telecommunications provider may not be billed for a new service or switched to another telecommunications provider without a written authorization signed by the customer that contains all the terms and conditions (including the rates) for the new service or the service to be provided by the new telecommunications provider. It also makes conforming changes by repealing certain statutes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would require the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to develop standards for the authorization procedure prescribed by this bill. The IURC is expected to be able to absorb any costs associated with this bill.

Indirect Costs: To the extent that this bill raises the operating costs of phone companies, consumers (including the state) could experience an increase in their phone bills. The extent to which phone companies might pass on any such costs is currently unknown.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Mike Leppert, Executive Director for External Affairs, IURC, (317) 232-2714.